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PD DAY FUN AT ELK POINT LIBRARY saw Lauryn Smith, Lily McLeod, Carson Smith and Zxayven Pelech decorating Valentine cookies and creating unique crafts out of bottle caps on Thursday while Elk Point's teachers were at their annual convention. This was the second in a series of PD Day programs at the library, which will continue until the end of May for Grade 3 to 8 students.

Sherry Milholland photo

New season, new ideas for Golf and Country Club

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

Elk Point Golf and Country Club still isn't operating in the black, but they are definitely in a better financial situation than they were a year ago, club president Don Schultz told Elk Point Town Council last week while providing the yearly update.

This past year, he said, the club suffered a \$7,100 loss, considerably less than the previous year's \$30,000-plus deficit, and "a \$22,000 casino helped, but we won't get another for four years." It's a situation that the executive is looking at ways to rectify, and with a strong executive in place, "we're looking at making a reasonable profit."

Providing early-bird deals on membership is one way to bring in revenue. Schultz said that 30 per cent of the anticipated memberships had already been paid in December. The club is still offering discounts until the end of March, "and we'd like to get 50 members this year." Both memberships and green fees were down last year, and there were also decreases in food and liquor sales and cart rentals, he told council.

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County of St. Paul beachgoers get their access

CLARE GAUVREAU
 Review Staff

Access to an area known by locals as St. Paul Beach on St. Vincent Lake was back on the County of St. Paul council agenda last Tuesday with council members discussing three options in an attempt to resolve the issue of access.

Last year, council received concern from local residents whose access to the beach area had been cut off when the current owners of the lot adjacent to the environmental reserve on the east side prevented public access by fencing and gating the area. The issue is complicated by the fact that for many years, previous owners of the lot in question made use of the adjoining public land, treating it as their property, including placing some structures on the area. People were permitted to drive across their lot to get to the beach area. As a result, there was some confusion as to where the property lines actually were when the current owners purchased the lot.

The issue is further complicated because the county is undertaking a re-subdivision of 15 lots to the west and lot owners have already agreed to the new lot lines proposed.

Coun. Dale Hedrick said he's received multiple calls from landowners on the issue and believes the issue should be handled "the way we've treated other properties with encroachment."

He made a motion to support option three on the table, which is to have the lot owners remove all their developments from the reserve area onto their own property. The motion got the support of council. Furthermore, the lot owner on the west of Pine Street will be asked to agree to adjust his property line to allow enough room for a proper access to be built on the road allowance. The county will pay the bill for re-surveying the property.

"We don't need a highway going in there, just need access. It's just a snowball effect and why are we going to spend all this money? There's no reason for it," Hedrick said, as council discussed the

access road and whether parking on the environmental reserve should then be allowed, with Hedrick again cautioning, "We've got to watch where we go there. It could set a precedence."

Reeve Steve Upham said allowing parking on the environmental reserve could potentially "open a Pandora's box," adding that allowing parking in the area might also result in people choosing to camp there also.

"I think there's been so much controversy with this area that I think it will be self-policed," Coun. Maxine Fodness said.

Elk Point policing

Elk Point RCMP Sgt. Dave Henry provided council with an optimistic outlook on policing in the eastern portion of the county, indicating he felt "we're getting back on top of things."

Henry said the detachment is on track to recording a 57 per cent decrease in break and enters from April 2019 to now, compared to the previous year for the same time period. The theft of motor

vehicles has dropped and theft over \$5,000 is also down. It doesn't mean the detachment is any less busy with 2019 seeing 3,500 calls coming in, averaging out to 520 per member, more than double the provincial average of 250.

"Do you think the theft has gone down because there's nothing left to steal," Coun. Darrell Younghans asked.

Henry said farmers are "starting to lock things up" and "my guys are making a big difference. We are making progress."

You need to be commended on the job, especially in my area," Younghans said. "The public is appreciative, and they are noticing."

The fact the detachment is now fully staffed with five constables, one enhanced constable for Fishing Lake, one corporal, one sergeant and two admin support is important, Henry said.

He also noted that the "community seems to be calling in a lot more," which helps identify problem areas.

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February 11, 2020 Council Meeting Highlights

Campground Reservations open on March 1 Online reservations for Floatingstone, Lac Bellevue, Stoney Lake and Westcove Municipal Campgrounds will open on March 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. To make reservations at any of these campgrounds, visit Camp Reservations Canada or see 'Campgrounds' on the County's website.

Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Amendment requests The owner of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 0720985 (contained within SW 29-56-10-W4M) has requested that the MDP and the LUB be amended to allow for the creation of a 6.06 ha country residential parcel within the agriculture district to accommodate the existing private sewage disposal system. Council passed First Reading of Bylaw 2020-01 and 2020-02 that pertain to the amendment requests.

Letters of Support MCSNet and Xplornet are, individually, applying to the CRTC Broadband Fund. MCSNet is hoping to upgrade their existing network pertaining to internet connectivity within rural communities. Xplornet is hoping to build or upgrade access for fixed and mobile wireless broadband internet access service. Council passed a motion to provide letters of support to both companies.

Write-Off Doubtful Accounts Receivable There are 11 outstanding invoices and accrued penalties totaling \$18,208.25. The accounts, dating from 2011 to 2017, had been sent to a collection agency. The accounts are uncollectable due to bankruptcy, time exceeded to go to court, or statement undeliverable (customers moved). Council moved to write off the 11 outstanding invoices and penalties. All customers have been placed on the County's 'no service' list.

Elk Point Rescue Van Reserve The County of St. Paul will provide a letter of support to the Town of Elk Point ensuring the commitment of further reserve allocations for the replacement of the current Rescue Van in 2031.

Parks and Camping Minor changes were made to the 'Rules: Parks and Camping' that include the following: the County will be accepting on-line reservations effective March 1; reservations for designated monthly sites must be made for a minimum 28 days; and a reservation fee will be applied to all reservations (on-line, in person and over the phone). For 2020 reservations, the fee is \$5.00 per reservation. The amended rules can be found on the County's website under 'Campgrounds/ Parks & Camping Rules'.

Volunteer Income Tax Program The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS has partnered with Canada Revenue Agency to offer the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program for low income residents within the County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point. Trained volunteers will complete income tax returns free of charge. Beginning March 1, residents who qualify for this service can drop off their taxes at the Elk Point FCSS Office (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday) or the County Administration Office during regular business hours. Volunteers will also be at the following locations to complete income tax returns for residents who qualify:

- March 9 at the Ashmont Seniors Centre from 10 a.m. to noon
- March 10 at the Elk Point Lodge from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (for residents of the Lodge only)
- March 11 at the Ashmont Seniors Lodge from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- March 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Sunnyside Manor (for residents of the Manor only)

Funding Support

- \$5,000 grant - St. Paul Gymnastics Club for new equipment
- \$480 - St. Paul & District Hospital Foundation Fundraiser
- \$300 - St. Paul Ukrainian Desna Dance Festival
- \$1,000 - Senior Transportation Grant for the St. Paul Seniors Citizens' Centre
- \$500 - Sponsorship of a St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion BBQ Supper. All ticket sales go to a Charitable or Service Group

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
At 780-645-3301, ext 208

County of St. Paul

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He also noted that the "community seems to be calling in a lot more," which helps identify problem areas.

"Every call is a piece of the puzzle," Reeve Steve Upham noted.

Gravel

CAO Sheila Kitz informed council the gravel inventory system is converting from yards to metric tons (tonnes) and so there will be "a little bit of change for residents to get used to."

Public Works Director Dan Reid said the conversion rate being used is 10 yards of gravel equals 12.5 metric tons. The price of \$15 per yard is now \$12 per tonne.

Bylaw enforcement

Kitz informed council that the Town of Elk Point is working with a contracted consultant for bylaw enforcement and the arrangement is working well.

"It may be a good option (for the County) to work through some bylaw enforcement issues," she said, adding there is \$30,000 in the budget for consulting services and she would like to try a one-year contract to see how it pans out.

Conference attendance

The costs associated with attending conferences received the attention of council, with Coun. Darrell Youngmans stating that while he believes professional development is important, he also believes "we need to start bringing reports back here on what we've learned."

The discussion arose due to an agenda item specific to the Alberta Library Conference in Jasper in April.

"Do we limit the number during tough budget times?" questioned Youngmans.

Coun. Maxine Fodness, who sits on the County Library Board and the St. Paul Library Board, and who will be attending the conference, said there are ways to reduce the costs, such as staying in less expensive hotels and saving on meals that are charged out as extra in registration fees, which is her intention for the library conference. According to information supplied by administration, the hotel and meal package for three days for the library conference is \$1,380 with registration an additional \$500. Additional expenses for the councilor per diem and mileage is \$1,945.

Fodness suggested council could be more selective about the conferences they attend and consider ways to save

on conference costs at the ones they do participate in.

Fodness suggested incorporating a professional development line on the budget for each councilor.

"We never spend our full allotment on the budget," Coun. Laurent Amyotte said.

"I'm talking about reducing it," Fodness responded.

Council ended up supporting a motion from Coun. Cliff Martin to send three councilors to the conference.

On a separate agenda item, council also approved any councilor who wishes to attend the Spring 2020 Municipal Leaders Caucus hosted by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association March 25 -26 in Edmonton. Estimated cost per councilor is \$1,561 including per diem, meals, accommodation, registration and mileage.

County support

Council will provide the St. Paul Gymnastics Club with a \$5,000 grant to assist in the purchase of equipment. The club has applied for a provincial matching grant and will use the county's support towards its \$20,000 matching portion. The Town of St. Paul has also agreed to support \$5,000.

The county will purchase a table at the annual St. Paul & District Hospital Foundation fundraiser March 7 for \$480 and will also provide a silent auction item.

The 27th annual Ukrainian Dance Festival Feb. 29 in St. Paul received a \$300 donation from the county.

A \$1,000 transportation grant was provided to the St. Paul Senior Citizen's Centre.

Two county teams will participate in the Glendon Perogy Bonspiel on March 21.

Council agreed to a \$500 sponsorship of a St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion supper.

Broadband support

Council voted to provide letters of support for both MCSNet and Xplornet in separate requests to endorse each of the company's applications to the CRTC Broadband Fund "to install fiber and upgrade their wireless network in order to further enhance rural broadband connectivity for the residents of the county," according to information provided by administration to council.

RCMP makes an arrest in two break and enters

ELK POINT RCMP

Review Contributor

On Jan. 30, Elk Point RCMP were dispatched to a break and enter to a residence in Elk Point where a laptop, mail and money was stolen.

On Feb. 9, Elk Point RCMP responded to a break and enter at a local business where the suspect removed the board to gain access. Two speakers were stolen and tracks left in the snow lead to the suspect's residence where Elk Point RCMP conducted a search warrant and recovered the stolen property.

A 22-year old was arrested and charged with the following offences: six counts of possession of weapon for dangerous purposes, carrying a concealed weapon, unauthorized possession

of a prohibited weapon, failing to comply with probation, theft under \$5,000 and two counts each of mischief under \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 and break and enter.

He was remanded in custody until his next court appearance on Thursday, Feb. 13 in St. Paul Provincial Court.

If you have more information in regards to these files, please contact the Elk Point RCMP at 780-724-3964 or your local police service. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), on line at www.p3tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play store.

Town council

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In order to increase visibility, the club is going with Alberta Tourism to advertise the site for not only golf, but camping and restaurant, and will post pictures on the Travel Alberta website, Schultz said. "I did a course with them online," gaining new knowledge of the many ways the site can be promoted. The club also plans to promote its events and facilities on the Alberta's Lakeland website and publication, he noted.

"We're going to run some specials, like a Canada Day two-for-one round of golf, and specials in the clubhouse. The club plans to increase trackage and storage fees this year. "All our cart storage is full. Some courses set a maximum number of owned carts that can be stored there," he said, that limit increasing the number of cart rentals.

The club is even planning to extend use of the golf course into the winter of 2020-2021, by having the clubhouse open for cross country skiing and tobogganing on specified dates, with one of the holes having what he described as a perfect hill for tobogganing.

Schultz outlined the club's cost-savers, with the big mower and the clubhouse dishwasher now paid for, and less mechanical costs. Plans are in the works to buy a used mower for rough cutting, he said.

The absence of the provincial STEP program could make it necessary to contract out cleaning of washrooms and showers in the campground, "but we're

going to look at the Métis employment program" for students.

The club is also planning to apply for a grant to build a water hazard at Hole 1, providing another water source that could be filled from the nearby Atimoswe Creek, as well as continuing to work with the Elk Point and District Lions on the town's former water reservoir, which would provide a fish pond for the community as well as a water source for the golf course.

As usual, the club plans to work closely with the Town, Schultz told council. "Your taxpayers are our customers."

The golf club was back on the agenda later in the council meeting, for discussion of the contract between the two, but with Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich absent from the meeting, that discussion was deferred to the Feb. 24 meeting.

Peace Officer

Some months ago, council had raised the possibility of sharing a peace officer with another jurisdiction to cut down on speeding on Highway 41. Now, with a letter from the Town of St. Paul that indicated such a contract position would cost \$278 per 2.75-hour session, they had second thoughts. While the idea was to slow down highway traffic, rather than being a revenue generator, "It's got to pay for itself," Coun. Tim Smereka said, with council in agreement. The speed indicator sign borrowed from the County of St. Paul seemed to prove

effective, and "I like the sign," Mayor Lorne Young said, with Coun. Debra McQuinn wondering what it would cost for the town to buy a similar sign that could be used year round. CAO Ken Gwozdz will research the cost.

Fire chief appointed

Council moved to ratify a recommendation from the Fire Board's Feb. 5 meeting to approve the appointment of Kent Bernard as Elk Point's Fire Chief, with an option to continue in the position for a third year. The Chief is to appoint the other officers, as stated in the town's bylaw. That bylaw also states that the Fire Chief reports to the CAO and council has the final authority under the Municipal Government Act, Gwozdz said. The deputy mayor asked that the Fire Bylaw be reviewed, with the mayor asking Gwozdz to check out the county's fire bylaw to see if the two are compatible.

Upcoming meeting

Deputy Mayor Hampson reported that a date had finally been set for town council to meet with the Frog Lake chief and council, with that meeting to take place on March 5. The Public Works meeting will be rescheduled.

Leaders' Caucus

Mayor Young and Gwozdz were authorized to attend the AUMA Municipal Leaders Caucus in Edmonton. Winterland Tournament

Deputy Mayor Hampson will represent the Town of Elk Point at the

ceremonial puck drop that opens the Winterland Invitational Hockey Tournament.

Spring Fling support

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce is once again looking for financial support and volunteers for their third annual Spring Fling, with that May 23 event to once again bring wrestling to the A. G. Ross Arena. Council moved to sponsor the event with \$500 from the Tourism budget.

Provincial approval

The town has received provincial endorsement for the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program grant that would finance upgrades to the sewer lift station, with that project now to move to the federal application phase.

Application assistance

Town administration has been assisting Elk Point Minor Ball with applications for Co-op and the CFEP program for funding for a new playground at the Elk Point Recreation Park, Gwozdz told council.

MSI change

Gwozdz also told council that while the amount the town will receive from their MSI grant will not change, the way it will be delivered will. The town will receive 50 per cent after they apply in May, but would have to carry the balance of the cost of the project, take the funding from reserves or borrow the funds, until they get the remaining 50 per cent in 2021.

Meter head replacement slowed by homeowners

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Of Elk Point's 294 water meters to upgraded with electronic heads, only 78 had been installed as of Monday, Feb. 10, and with the work scheduled to be completed by the end of the month, time is running short.

"It is important that residents phone in to the town office to get an appointment to get this done," CAO

Ken Gwozdz told town council at the Feb. 10 meeting. "They can book a morning, afternoon or evening appointment, they are very flexible with the hours."

The Neptune Technology installation crew has been knocking on doors, he said, but if no one is home, cannot proceed with the installation.

The new meter heads will allow town staff to read the meters much more quickly and efficiently, without entering yards to do so.

Wrong date!

Our apologies to the Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce for a missing number in the date of Spring Fling 2020. This exciting evening of wrestling will take place on Saturday, May 23, not May 3, as in last week's story.

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DONATION OF TIME – Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary president Millie Orr is no stranger to donating her time, but this time has the help of Victor Stepa of Elk Point Insurance, who donated the funding for the Auxiliary to purchase six clocks to be placed in acute care rooms at the Health Care Centre. Each clock will have a plaque attached to signify the donation.

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EDITORIAL

It's Oilmen's Time!

When the going gets tough, the tough not only get going, they keep going, and going, and going.

Elk Point Oilmen's Association started off small in 1984 with their first Oilmen's Bonspiel, but that event soon grew to mammoth proportions, with teams stacked up on waiting lists in case somebody dropped out. It was the go-to event of the winter for many years.

Since then, attendance has decreased, increased and decreased again, often with the fluctuations in oil prices, but it seemed like even at the worst of times, teams turned out to get their mind off what was going on in the patch, and in the best of times, when the patch was going flat out, curlers still found time to come and compete at the annual event.

Thanks to the Oilmen's Association for staying strong through the years, and to all those who kept this signature event going, no matter what.

TAX TIME

Tax tips for students

CANADA REVENUE AGENCY
Review Contributor

Made no or almost no money last year? We can help you file your taxes so that you don't miss out on a refund, or benefits and credits. You should always file your taxes and file them on time to qualify for any benefits and credits you are entitled to receive. Here are some tips for you to save money at tax time:

Tuition tax credit – You could reduce the tax you may owe if you paid tuition fees to a post secondary school. You may also be able to claim what you spend on courses to obtain or improve a work skill in an occupation.

Interest paid on your student loans – You may be able to claim part of the interest you've paid since 2014 on your student loan for post-secondary education.

Eligible moving expenses – If you moved for school and are a full-time student, you may be able to claim your moving costs. You may also be able to claim the cost of moving for work, such as a summer job or to run a business. You can claim moving costs if you moved at least 40 kilometres closer to your work or school.

Child care expenses – If you paid someone to look after your child so you could go to school, do paid work, or do research, you may be able to deduct your child care fees.

Goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit – You may be eligible to get a tax-free payment four times a year. This payment is for people with low or modest incomes. You may be eligible if you turn 19 before April 1, 2021, or if you have (or had) a spouse or common-law partner, or are (or were) a parent and live (or lived) with your child. File your tax return every year to keep getting these payments.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Management assistance, frozen roses, rail line purchases

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 18 IN...

1985

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce enjoyed record attendance of 31 members and guests at the first meeting chaired by new president Clark Stuprayk. The chamber-sponsored Management Assistance Program wound up, with 17 of the 21 businesses involved in the program on hand and chamber past president Carol Metz calling the program "a more than worthwhile investment" for the businesses taking part.

1990

Plans were unveiled for a \$1.2 million addition to Elk Point Elementary School that would include 968 square meters of new construction and modernizing of existing facilities, with work to begin in the spring. Two vacant seats on town council were filled by acclamation, Charles Mahon and Louis Verhagen to be sworn in March 5, but a vacancy still existed after Coun. Alvina Schuhmacher tendered her resignation.

1995

Florist Millie Orr had a major thorn in her side as a cooler malfunction froze her Valentine's Day stock of 1,000 roses just four days before one of the biggest sales days of her year, sending her on a hunt for replacement stock. More than 1,500 letters were faxed to the Lakeland Health Authority Board, the Minister of Health and Premier Ralph Klein as the community pleaded for its hospital service, with nine briefs presented when almost 500 people jammed the Elks Hall to make their concerns known to Lakeland Board chair Darel Cholak.

2000

Restoration work was underway on the Heinsburg railway water tower with a facelift that would straighten a slight lean developed over the years and protect it

from the elements with a new coat of paint. With the Central Western Railway abandoning their railway, the County of St. Paul expressed interest in purchasing the railway property within the county and towns and was hoping for support from recreational groups such as the Alberta Snowmobile Association and the Riverland Recreational Trail Society.

2005

Veteran performers Victor Kelly and Roy Scott entertained at the "From the Heart" Jamboree, raising \$320 for the Red Cross Tsunami Relief Fund. The Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul formed a joint committee that allocated \$20,000 for recreation, assisting community groups with operating costs beyond the grants already provided by the county.

2010

Students and staff of Elk Point Elementary School walked in a wintry, frost-decked wonderland as they kicked off their five-day Family Day long weekend with a one-km walk on National Winter Walk Day. Town council gave RCMP Sgt. Brad Lazicki and Cpl. Kevin McGillivray their input on policing goals for the coming year, praising the detachment's increased visibility and continuance of the DARE Program.

2015

Terry Fox Run 2014 fundraisers Tino Braga, Wyatt Krider, Autumn Cameron, Ethan Paquette and Victoria Fortin, had the unique opportunity to toss cream pies in the faces of garbage-bag-draped teachers Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Allan, Miss Shelton and Miss Masters and principal Rob MacDonald at the Elk Point Elementary School assembly. A group of concerned residents were heard loud and clear at a public hearing about a rezoning in County of St. Paul council chambers when the hearing dealt with a bylaw change to rezone a portion of land on the outskirts of Elk Point from Agricultural to Industrial/Commercial.

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Calvin Fisher, EPOA President



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1987: Flint Engineering (Clarence Romanick); Dave's Pressure Service (Dave Castellan); CEDA Reactor (Stan Balian); Hi West Well Servicing (Ed Dmytryshyn).

1988: Alchem Inc. (Ron Dinkel); Hi West #2 (Ed Dmytryshyn); Empress Restaurant (Lynall Slywka); CEDA Reactor (Bill Kemp).

1989: Alchem Inc. (Ron Dinkel); O&G Electric (Paul Steinke); Maverick Oilfield Services (Darwin Botting); Flint Engineering (Clarence Romanick).

1990: Vulcan Electric (Don Clark); North American Road (Jim Rupp); E-Can Oilfield Services (Don Anderson); Hi West (Peter Thatcher).

1991: Vulcan Electric (Don Clark); Flint Engineering (Greg Dwan); Certified Rentals (Tim Kratchmer); B&R Eckels (Wayne Hanson).

1992: Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Lyle Yerama); B&R Eckels (Victor Rocque); Universal (Morris Yakubowski); Nowco (Ron Rusnak).

1993: B&R Eckels (Victor Rocque); Nalco (Ron Dinkel); Nowco (Ron Rusnak); Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Lyle Yerama).

1994: Vulcan Electric (Don Clark); Guiberson Ava (Ted Yarmuch); Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski); Universal Industries (Trevor Acker).

1995: Vulcan Electric (Don Clark); Newalta (Duane Burkard); Lake Central Dental Clinic (Ron Rusnak); B&R Eckels (Jim Rupp).

1996: Vulcan Electric (Don Clark); Highland Corod #2 (Doug Lubinski); Touchwood Petroleum (Mo Coutney); Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski).

1997: Vulcan Electric (Don Clark); Touchwood Petroleum (Mo Coutney); Gibson Petroleum (David Kulcar); Nalco/Exxon (Clarence Romanick).

1998: Newalta (Duane Burkard); A's Oilfield Consulting (Brian Anderson); B&R Eckels (Wayne Hanson); Northwell Rentals (John Regnier).

1999: Vulcan Electric (Don Clark); Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski); Kudu (Bob Almond); Newalta (Duane Burkard).

2000: Reid's Welding (Roger VanDen Bossche); Don Anderson Trucking (Don Anderson); ???- (Clarence Romanick); TF - Jorvik (Steve Penz).

2001: Jorvik (Steve Penz); Betz Dearborn (Clarence Romanick); RSC Canada (Eldon Gagne); Shlumberger Completions (John Regnier).

2002: Betz Dearborn (Clarence Romanick), Weatherford Fishing & Wireline (Brad Orobeck), Wenzel Downhole (Darwin Botting), Wizard Well Services (Jim Holowaychuk).

2003: Silverline Insulators (Dave Dwan), National Oilwell (Dale Swryipa), Technichrome (Troy Lorensen), Guardian Chemicals (Clarence Romanick).

2004: Tuboscope (Leonard Gadowski), BMW (Dale Appleton), BJ Services (Jeff Latos), TriCan (Ron Dinkel).

2005: Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski), Talaca Oilfield Consulting (Murray Cochrane), Jorvik, (Sheldon Ballas), R& M Energy (Ken Ference).

2006: BJ Services (Jeff Latos), Richland (Terri Breen), Weatherford Power Sections (Troy Lorensen), E-Can #1 (Steve Penz).

2007: Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski); Gibsons (Bob Clarke); E-Can #1 (Steve Penz); BJ Services (Jeff Latos).

2008: Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski); TLL Consulting (Troy Lorensen); Superior Safety (Clarence Romanick); CCS (Clark Sittler).

2009: Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski); Midfield Supply (Harvey Dutchak); TLL Consulting (Troy Lorensen); Dudley Consulting/Inline (Lorel Lerovzic).

2010: E-Can Oilfield Services (Steve Penz); MRC Midfield (Robyn Moroziuk); B&R Eckel's (Terry Gusnowski); Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski).

2011: Champion Technologies (Sheldon Ballas); Xtreme No. 1 (Robyn Moroziuk); Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski); BJ Services (Jeff Latos).

2012: E-Can Oilfield Services (Steve Penz); Inline Flow Products (Brad Telford); Xtreme Oilfield Services (Robyn Moroziuk); Diablo Oilfield (Calvin Fisher).

2013: Marksman Oilfield Service (Sheldon Ballas); Encore (Tyson Ballas); R & N Energy (Darren Skolarchuk); Xtreme Oilfield (Darrell Kuzma).

2014: Cenovus (Jeff Latos); Encore (Tyler Warawa); Hahn Welding (Murray Cochrane); Neighbourhood Inn (Irven Courts).

2015: Pyramid Electric (Dave Cousins); Encore (Tyler Warawa); Neighborhood Inn (Irven Courts); DOG Inspection (Vic Rocque).

2016: Shamrock Valley Enterprises (Leonard Gadowski); Neighborhood Inn (Irven Courts); Marksman (Sheldon Ballas); Hahn Welding (Murray Cochrane).

2017: Whaler Industrial Contractors (Guy Lapointe); Xtreme (Robyn Moroziuk); Hahn One (Ryan Hahn); Weatherford (Dustin Yaremkevich).

2018: Techmation (Lorne Koss); Neighborhood Inn (Irven Courts); Weatherford (Darcy Stafford); Hahn Welding (Tyson Stafford).

2019: Elk Point Oilmen's Association (Jon Regnier); Neighborhood Inn (Irven Courts); Free Agents (Wade Poiras) and first-ever co-winners Shamrock Valley (Curtis Porcina); Diablo (Calvin Fisher).

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School division anticipates provincial budget

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

Budget talks once again took up a portion of the last St. Paul Education Regional Division board meeting, which was held on Feb. 12.

Guiding the local school board is the goal to "protect the classroom," according to Superintendent Glen Brodziak. With this in mind, the division has been doing a full review of all levels within the organization.

Assistant Superintendent Delane Imeson was offered early retirement, which she accepted, according to Brodziak.

On a smaller scale, items such as no longer bringing in snacks to morning meetings, will be looked at.

"It's a small saving," acknowledged Brodziak, who maintained that all aspects are being looked at.

For the first time ever, the division is also looking at individual school accounts.

"We've never had to look at reserves that are at the school level," said Brodziak. It was noted that some schools may have more reserves than others, since they could be in the process of fundraising for bigger items, such as playgrounds or a bus.

School reserves include funds raised by the entire school body, such as vending machine income, for example. It does not include parent council funds.

Board Chair Heather Starosielski added that school divisions across the province are doing the same. And while some divisions have already increased school fees, even charging parents retroactive fees, St. Paul Education remains adamant about keeping fees down.

"At the end of the day, it's protect the classroom," echoed Starosielski, later adding, every corner is being looked at.

The board has already started its budget planning, and the division will get a better idea of what funding will look like when the provincial budget is tabled on Feb. 27.

"Let's keep the teachers in front of our kids," said Brodziak.

Mallaig School

During the capital project report, secretary-treasurer Jean Champagne noted that the division had received good news regarding a possible modernization at Mallaig School.

While the modernization has not been approved, the province did approve some planning dollars to be spend. Champagne could not confirm the exact number of dollars.

"It's a step in the process," said Champagne. "The funds are for soil testing and hazardous material testing. Basically, step one is to assess site conditions and identify any materials in the school that might result in increased costs," he added, after the meeting.

Mallaig School is the school division's number one priority.

Calendar

The school calendar for the 2020-21 year has been approved. While there were some suggestions and feedback received, such as doing a mid-week to mid-week Christmas break, no changes were made to the draft that had been previously presented to the board.

A motion to approve the calendar was carried, and the calendar will now be posted on the school division's website.

Powwow

A date has been set for the St. Paul Education Regional Division powwow. The event was supposed to be held in September of 2019, but was postponed due to unfavourable conditions at the site, due to weather.

The powwow will be held on June 3 in Frog Lake.

Seclusion Rooms

Provincial rules around seclusion rooms have been updated again, according to Brodziak, speaking while he gave his monthly report to the board.

Throughout the St. Paul school division, seclusion rooms have all been repurposed, and "our general belief is that they're not needed," said Brodziak.

Provincial budget to be tabled Feb. 27

Staff Writers

The provincial budget will be tabled later this month.

Last week, the Government of Alberta announced that Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, would table Budget 2020 on Feb. 27.

"I have listened to the comments that thousands of Albertans have shared with me and I hear your concerns about the need to continue to create jobs and grow the economy. Budget 2020 will report on our actions to date and our continued efforts to get Albertans back to work," said Toews, in a media release sent out on Feb. 11.

The provincial government reported that it had consulted with more than 30,000 Albertans through two telephone town halls. Feedback was also gathered through an online survey completed by 26,000 people. The survey closed on Feb. 7.

The budget date allows sufficient time for government to debate and pass a budget before the end of the fiscal year and provides organizations that rely on government funding the time to make informed decisions about their own budgets, reads the media release.

"We are focused on transforming government programs to eliminate duplication and ensuring realized savings are reinvested into services. I look forward to sharing our plan later this month," said Toews.

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County, St. Paul raised a fork on Ag Day

RUSHANTHI KESUNATHAN
Review Contributor

Along with Canadians from coast to coast, St. Paul also raised a fork for local producers in the area during the fourth annual Canada Agriculture Day on Feb. 11.

On Tuesday, the Chamber of Commerce, and the County of St. Paul along with the Cornerstone Co-operative Hardware store ran an information booth from 2 to 4 p.m., talking to locals and producers about the services the town and county have to offer.

"This is an agricultural community and today is an opportunity to recognize farmers and agricultural producers," St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Linda Sallstrom said. "It's an opportunity for us to come out and showcase what we do have to offer to support farmers and celebrate the day."

Next to the Chamber, County of St. Paul Agriculture Fieldman Keith Kornelsen was seen talking to shoppers coming into the store about what the County offers, while also passing free items such as signs farmers can put up prohibiting snowmobilers on unharvested farmland, and pamphlets on farm safety for children.

"We are trying to promote and make known what the County is doing in terms of agriculture and what's avail-

able for residents because they don't often know what's available for them," Kornelson said.

Also visiting the information booth on Tuesday was County of St. Paul Coun. Kevin Wirsta.

"Agriculture is most probably the most fundamental business or hobby in Canada," he told the Journal. "Since the beginning of time, farming has been there and it's still there today just with a different lens."

Canada Agriculture Day is about celebrating farmers; the stewards of the land who make contributions to the food people eat. "We don't say thank-you near often enough our farmers are a big part of what we do every day," Joanne Paquette, Cornerstone Co-operative's home and agro manager said.

The Government of Canada notes Canada's agriculture and agri-food industry is a key driver of economic growth. The sector contributed over \$143 billion to Canada's GDP in 2018 and employed 2.3 million people. Agriculture and agri-food accounts for one in eight jobs in Canada.

"Canadian farmers work hard to feed us. Their resilience, their ability to innovate, their respect for the environment, the well-being of animals and their community are an endless source of inspiration for me," Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau said in Feb. 11 media release.

Rural Crime Watch to launch trace pen reader program

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It's been a productive year for Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch, according to president Orest Sereda, who gave his annual report at what would have been the GLRCW's Annual General Meeting, if not for an unexpected snowfall and issues that kept key members from attending Thursday evening's event in St. Paul.

Sereda touched on such successes as the annual volunteer barbecue, well attended sessions on fentanyl and at the January town hall meeting in Elk Point, and said he had had the opportunity to give feedback to the Solicitor General. GLRCW will have a brand new Volunteer Week banner in St. Paul this year as well, but the group's biggest success will be the upcoming launch of the tracer pen reader system.

The two readers, which will be donated to the Elk Point and St. Paul RCMP Detachments, along with 15 UV flashlights for St. Paul and five for Elk Point, have now arrived, but the 50 microdot tracing pens that will be made available for purchase to Rural Crime Watch members first, are still on back order.

He displayed a sample pen, and explained their use, which deposits a tiny microdot with a unique DNA security code in a fluorescent adhesive onto the items to be labeled. Users register their pen on a secure database and then create an inventory of the items they mark with it, with details of location for items that stay in one place, and photos of the items marked. Sereda outlined the application procedure and the recommended spots for marking items from laptops to solar panels to vehicle batteries.

The flashlights will be distributed to the RCMP members on patrol so they can determine if stolen items have been marked, and if they have, further investigation with the reader will show who put that marking in place.

This information was well received by St. Paul RCMP Staff Sgt. Dave Graham, who urged the members, "Mark your property so it can be returned." Otherwise, he said, detachments often end up with large quantities of recovered items and no way to determine who they belong to.

Graham gave a rundown on crime statistics in the St. Paul detachment's part of the County of St. Paul for 2019, with 30 persons crimes, 190 property crimes and 48 other crimes adding up to 286 altogether, "quite a bit down from the 337 in 2018." He added that there had been a big drop in thefts under \$5,000 and "fraud dropped way down."

Some of the improvement could be contributed to the fact that the North East Alberta Crime Reduction Unit (NEACRU) is based out of the St. Paul Detachment, "and they do a lot of work in our area to reduce property crime, theft and the possibility of stolen property."

The staff sergeant said the detachment is "still working on initiatives to reach our objectives," and has new staff on hand to help make that happen. Five brand new constables have arrived since October and two more are coming in the near future, he said, "and it takes time to get them up to speed. There's a lot of eagerness (in the new arrivals) and it's really positive."



GREATER LAKELAND PRESIDENT

Orest Sereda displayed one of the trace pens that will soon be available to mark items so that they can be returned to their owners if stolen. He noted that the pens come with stickers to affix to buildings to warn potential thieves that items are marked and their theft could lead to arrests and charges.

One ongoing problem in the area has been break-and-enters on seasonal lots, and he urged residents to "keep reporting stuff when you see it." The detachment plans to patrol those areas more this year, he noted.

SSgt. Graham received questions and feedback from those present at the meeting, including a suggestion that education and life skills training should be part of restorative justice, and answered numerous questions, including those on the justice system and the possible infiltration of gangs to the area.

New Fish and Wildlife officer Tyler Mann was also welcomed to the meeting for the first time. He arrived in St. Paul in September and now has his "first hunting season under my belt. I was alarmed at how busy it was," with poaching, trespassing, shooting on private property and "thrill kills" where trophy heads were removed and the rest of the animal abandoned.

"There are more private land issues here than there were in Lac La Biche," his previous location, "but reports were coming in late and that makes it hard to investigate." Use Report a Poacher in a timely fashion, and write out a statement," he advised. "A lot of these individuals are local, and as soon as the name (of the perpetrator) came out, it was hard to get a witness statement. We need to get support from the public." He added that he has had "some success with larger files through the Report A Poacher system."

The planned Rural Alberta Provincial Integrated Defense Force (RAPID) announced by provincial justice minister Doug Schweitzer will train fish and wildlife officers, along with sheriffs and commercial vehicle enforcement personnel and will allow them to respond to 911 calls, reducing response times when no RCMP officers are available, he noted. He also said Fish and Wildlife "will be back on the RCMP radio system" in the near future, and indicated he is very willing to work with the police.

Some features of the traditional AGM agenda will be part of the next GLRCW meeting in Elk Point, including a report from the Provincial Crime Watch Association, approval of the 2029 financial statement and the election of the 2020 executive. Sereda indicated that both he and secretary Dolores Zacharuk will be stepping down from those posts this year, and asked for new volunteers to come forward to fill the organization's chairs.

Artists being sought, as Visual Arts Centre gets ready to host zone art exhibit

JANICE HUSER
Journal Staff

This spring, St. Paul will play host to a gathering of artistic talents. The 2020 Alberta Community Arts Clubs Association (ACACA) Northern Zone Art Exhibit and sale will take place in St. Paul May 9 and 10, hosted by the St. Paul Visual Arts Centre.

The Visual Arts Centre is excited about the opportunity to host an event of this size. The Northern Zone takes in a large area of the province, beginning at Highway 14, and going north to the North West Territories.

"This is a huge area and so it will be a great opportunity to see art and sculpture from so many unique perspectives, including our own local talent," reads and email received from the Visual Arts Centre. There are plans to organize a small art market during the exhibition, along with a silent auction.

The Northern Zone Art Exhibit is a juried show with various categories and talent levels. Artists must be members of the ACACA prior to Feb. 28 in order to register pieces in the show. Membership is open to all individuals who share the ideals of the organization.

Eryl Stark, pottery director at the Visual Arts Centre, has taken on the role of being the director of the upcoming show. She says the show will bring in people from across the area, and offers artists the chance to showcase their talents.

She adds that winners at the zone show will see their work move on to a provincial show.

Eryl believes the St. Paul area includes a number of talented artists and sees the zone show as an opportunity to bring the local art community together.

"It should bring lots of people, from all of northern Alberta, to St. Paul."

Despite the zone taking in about a third of the province, the Northern Zone Director for the ACACA is also a local name - Hans Rohner of Elk Point. Rohner is a sculpturer.

Artists who are interested in getting involved can visit www.acaca.ab.ca for more information. Local artists can also contact Stark directly at 780-645-8587.

The registration deadline for the Northern Zone Art Show is April 1. The show will be open to the public May 9 and 10, with an official reception and welcome taking place on May 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Paul Visual Arts Centre.

FROM THE HACK

Curling season winding down

JOANNE WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

It's hard to believe there is just one month left before the plant will be shut down for the year...sniff, sniff. We are nearing the end of the regular league games and it's the Porcina and Lindquist teams tied for first.

This week's featured team is the Hahn rink skipped by Calvin Fisher, third Ryan Hahn, second Laurent St Arnault (AKA Poncho) and lead Brant Evans. This team is always at the top every year and play to win. In addition to being good curlers, they are also good volunteers. Ryan was a huge help getting the ice in this year and Calvin

always shows up for every work bee.

We are gearing up for the Oilmen's bonspiel this weekend, which is open to the public to come watch.

# Team Name	Win	Loss	PTS
Pool A			
Porcina	8	1	16
Lindquist	8	1	16
Hahn	7	2	14
Gibson	7	3	14
Jacula	6	4	12
Warawa	5	3	10
Ballas	5	3	10
MacDonald	5	4	10
Pool B			
Anderson	4	3	8
Smerdixen	4	4	8
Germain	3	5	6
Elks	3	6	6
Brooker	2	7	4
Wallington	1	6	2



TEAM HAHN consists of, left to right, Calvin Fisher, Ryan Hahn, Brant Evans and Laurent (Poncho) St. Arnault.



A WHOLE BUNCH OF BIRTHDAYS – Eight local residents with birthdays between Feb. 1 and 15 got together to share a cake last Monday. Left to right are Levina Ewasiuk, Donna Gulayec, Lillian Ewasiuk, Dee Pankiw, Sharon Smith, Terry Shankowsky, Sandie Bishop and Don Conrad.

Lyn Young photo

Atom Avs advance to Round 3

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

After defeating Vermilion 9-6 in their first round of Atom B Provincial playdowns, the Elk Point Atom Avalanche moved on to Round 2, where an 8-2 win over their St. Paul counterparts on Monday, Feb. 10 gave them the impetus to overcome a 4-4 tie the following evening, to win the two-game, total-point series by a 12-6 margin. They will now move on to the third playoff round.

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Tax tips

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Canada child benefit - If you have a child, you may be able to get tax-free monthly payments. These payments are made to eligible families to help with the cost of raising children under 18. File your tax return every year to keep getting these payments.

Canada workers benefit - The benefit is an enhanced, more accessible refundable tax credit available to eligible individuals and families who work but earn modest income.

Provincial and territorial benefits - You may qualify for additional provincial or territorial benefits depending on where you live.

Carrying forward past amounts - You can

no longer claim federal education and textbook amounts on your tax return. But, you may still be able to carry forward those unused amounts from previous years to another year. If you carry forward an unused amount, you must claim it when you file your return for the first year you owe income tax.

Climate action incentive - If you're a resident of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, or Ontario, you may be eligible for the Climate action incentive payment when you file your 2019 taxes. You could also receive a larger payment if you live in a small or rural community. The incentive will first lower the taxes you might owe, or create or increase your refund.

To learn more about the benefits of filing, go to canada.ca/taxes-students.

Announcements



RAYNA RITA
KATHRYN SANREGRET

The family of Rayna Rita Kathryn Sanregret of Elk Point, Alberta is immensely sad to announce her unexpected passing near Bonnyville on February 7, 2020 at the age of 38 years.

Rayna will be forever missed and loved by her two children: Ryan Grayson Youngchief, Ava Olivia Youngchief; mother: Rita Bartholomew; six sisters: Alania & Phillippe, Vania & Tyson, Dana & Michael, Amanda & Nigel, Angi, Michelle & Daryl; father of her children: Dale Youngchief.

Rayna was predeceased by her father: Allan Sanregret; cousin: Cody Sanregret.

A Celebration of Rayna's Life, Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Elk Point Allied Arts Centre, 4605-57 Ave, Elk Point, AB.

Memorial tributes in memory of Rayna may be sent to Go Fund Me by contacting Memento Funeral Chapel.

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SHARKEY, Una Colleen

On February 10, 2020, Mrs. Una Colleen Sharkey of Heinsburg passed away peacefully at the age of 86 years. Colleen is survived by her daughter, Lora (Gary) Meiklejohn of Leduc; son, Rocky (Joanne) Sharkey of Heinsburg; 6 grandchildren, Tarelle Stubbs, Travis (Danielle) Meiklejohn, Tiana (Lee) Zwarich, Jamie (Tatjana) Sharkey, Aaron Sharkey & Dustin (Jenna) Sharkey; 12 great-grandchildren, Rylan Stubbs, Nolan Stubbs, Dalan Stubbs, Alexi Meiklejohn, Blake Meiklejohn, Taya Zwarich, Hayes Zwarich, Wyatt Zwarich, Noah Sharkey, Nate Sharkey, Montana Sharkey & Scarlett Sharkey; brothers-in-law, Laverne Wilson of Elk Point & Ken Shepherd of Drayton Valley; sister-in-law, Carol Hunt of Keremeos, British Columbia; numerous nieces & nephews. Colleen was predeceased by her husband, Vernon "Babe"; parents, Orolin & Agnes Hunt; brother, Ken Hunt; & 3 sisters, Jean Shepherd, Pat Good & Barbara Boyle. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m. at Heinsburg Community Hall, Heinsburg. Pastor Kevin Nelson will be officiating. Cremation has taken place. If desired, donations may be made to Frog Lake Community Cemetery c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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